TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

COMMISSION ON AGING

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016

SENIOR CENTER

Minutes

Present: Vice Chairperson Mary Jo Shafer, Robert Atherton, Patricia Dufour and Sue Greeno (arrived at 3:10 p.m./left at 4:10p.m.)

Ann McLaughlin and Deborah McDonald were present via speakerphone.

Not Present: Allison Leue

**Call to Order**

Vice Chairperson Shafer called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Senior Center.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Dufour, seconded by Mr. Atherton, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 regular meeting as written. Voted (5-0)

**Public Comment**

None

**Correspondence**

A letter was sent by Ms. McLaughlin to all of the attendees of the first Round Table Meeting regarding the next meeting. Responses were received from Portland and Hebron. Ms. McLaughlin will reach out to Portland, as they responded first, to check on available dates for the Round Table in April or May.

**Senior Services Report**

Ms. Ewing provided an update on activities at the Senior Center. She noted that May is Older Americans Month. On March 29th, Middlesex Elderly Service Providers will hold their meeting at the Senior Center. The new part time Activity Specialist, Liana Hammond, started work.

**Presentation**

Dementia Tours

Faith Paddon of Kindred at Home provided an overview of the Dementia Tours program which provides an understanding of what a person with dementia goes through. Five to six volunteers will be needed to assist with the program. The Commission is considering this for a future seminar. A date in May will be considered.

**Old Business**

**Committee Reports**

Ms. Ewing, Ms. Greeno and Ms. Dufour have been working on Senior Center Policies.

Ms. Shafer and Ms. McDonald have been working on the Emergency Committee. Ms. Shafer discussed the idea for an emergency food plan. The Everbridge reverse 911 system was discussed. It was noted that if the Commission feels there are still issues with the system it should be brought up to the Town Council.

**Update on Budget**

Mr. Atherton reviewed pages from last year’s budget presentation with updates for this year.

The Commission members discussed possibly doing a survey of senior needs. They felt some funds could come from this year’s budget and some from next year. Ms. McLaughlin reminded the members that surveys need to be approved by the Town Council before distribution.

**Seminars**

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**New Business**

None

**Housing Authority Report**

The final papers for the grant have been signed and are ready to go to Hartford.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Atherton, seconded by Ms. Dufour, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Voted (4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois

Recording Clerk